

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/28/2008 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification

3. Paragraph 39 describes figures 9A and 9B with references to E and E'. However, E and E' are used in paragraph 38 with reference to figures 8A and 8B. Specifically, paragraph 39 states "...a second resonant peak E of FIG. 9A after inserting the first and second damping members 50 and 55 is shown to be smaller than a second resonant peak E' of FIG 9B before..." which has been amended to state "...a second

resonant peak **F** of FIG. 9A after inserting the first and second damping members 50 and 55 is shown to be smaller than a second resonant peak **F'** of FIG 9B before..." Accordingly, this is consistent with the figures.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 1, 4-10, 12-18, 21, 22 and 25 (renumbered 1-18) are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 18 and 22 recite:

Damping members inserted **within an entire center portion** of the focusing coils and surrounded thereby.

Claim 10 recites:

Damping members **inserted above and below shoulder portions** of both sides of the receiving hole...

5. These limitations, in combination with the limitations of the other claims are neither anticipated, nor rendered obvious by any prior art of record.

The closest references, Nagai (US Patent Number 6968593) and Song et al (US Patent Number 6091553), disclose damping members that are similar to those of the recited claims, but the damping members of Nagai are very small and do not encompass the entire center, nor are they even in the exact center of the coil. Song discloses damping members at the shoulder portions of the bobbin, but fails to disclose damping members inserted above and below the shoulder portions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW G. KAYRISH whose telephone number is (571)272-4220. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 5pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on 571-272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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